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## FEBRUARY INSPECTIONS OF SOYBEANS SHOW CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT IN QUALITY

Inspected receipts of soybeans in February showed an increase over those for January, with continued improvement in quality. February inspections totaled 3,475 cars compared with 3,133 cars in January. Inspected receipts for October-February this season were 65,030 cars compared with 43,040 cars for the same period the previous year.

The quality of the soybeans inspected in February was somewhat higher than in January, 87 percent grading No. 2 or better in February compared with 74 percent the preceding month. Thirteen percent fell in the lower grades in February compared with 26 percent in January. Eighty-six percent graded No. 2 or better October through February this season compared with 37 percent for the corresponding months last year.

Inspections of soybeans in February include truck receipts equivalent to about 25 cars.

Soybeans: Inspected Receipts, February 1944, in carlots 1/

Class	Grade .					Total February	: Total :October 1, 1943
	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No.4	Sample	19 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>1</sub>	to :February 29,1944
Yellow	: 1,852;	1,164:	375:	36:	32	: 3,459	: 64,535
Green	: -:	-:	-:	<b>-:</b> -		: 0	: 34
Brown	: 1:	1:	-:	-:	-	: 2	: 21
Black	: 5:	1:	-:	1:	1	<b>.</b> 8	: 184
Mixed	: 1:	4:	_:	:	1	: 6	: 256
Total cars	: 1,859:	1,170:	375:	37:	34	: 3,475	;
Percentages	53:	34:	11:	1:	1	: 100	•
October-February Car	s 34,901:	21,169:	7,528:	977:	455	:	: 65,030
1943-44 Percentages	54:	32:	12:	1:	i	:	: 100
October-February Car	s 6,826:	9,121:	8,224:	5,893:	12,976	;	: 43,040
1942-43 Percentages	16:	21:	19:	14:	30	:	: 100

<sup>1/</sup> Truck receipts converted to carlots on basis of 1,500 bushels equal 1 carlot.

